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sustaining the appropriation for the salary of the *gardener* at the President's square. In my report on a former day, to which he excepts, I said this had been a usual appropriation for many years, and that I saw no new reason, at this time, for discontinuance. I have now in my hand a certificate from the commission of the public building, showing that the *gardener*, the very same individual, with the same character of service, and at the same rate of compensation, has been in the employment of the government for the continuous period of *fifteen years*, having been first engaged in 18